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Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana Newsletter



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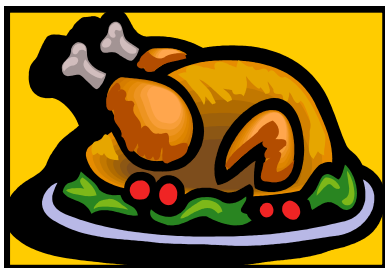
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*On Behalf of the Entire Tribal
Council and
All of the Employees...
We Wish you All a
Very Happy Thanksgiving!*



Resolutions for the Month of September

- #59/07** Authorizes Tricia Mora, Division Administrator, to submit the Year 11, FY 2008 IHS Special Diabetes Grant Program application to The United South and Eastern Tribes and to negotiate and sign any and all documentation pertaining to the grant.
- #60/07** Appoints Melissa Darden, Sharon Richard, and Rebecca Martin to serve as Members of the Chitimacha Scholarship Committee for a four year term.
- #61/07** Authorizes the Retirement Fund for past Chairmen of the Chitimacha Tribal Council.
- #62/07** Approves the Casino Budget, and the Casino Budget shall be reviewed quarterly, and no expenditures shall be made for any item in excess of the amounts provided for that item in the Casino Budget without the express written approval of the Council.
- #63/07** Authorizes Lonnie L. Martin, Chairman, to enter into an agreement with The United South and Eastern Tribes (USET).

Resolutions for the Month of October

- #64/07** Appoints Tricia Mora as a Trustee pursuant to the Trust Agreement for the Chitimacha Employee Comprehensive Health Plan.
- #65/07** Authorizes the Tribe's membership with the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI), and designates Lonnie L. Martin, Chairman, as Delegate and Tricia Mora, Vice Chairman, as Alternate.



CHITIMACHA TRIBAL POLICE NEWS



OCTOBER 2007

For the month of October 2007, two traffic citations were issued for speeding and one citation for driving under suspension.

The following arrests were logged for October 2007:

10-12-07 One male subject arrested for criminal trespassing.

10-20-07 One male subject arrested for criminal trespassing, being underage in the casino.

10-27-07 Three male subjects arrested on charges of felony theft and criminal trespassing after they were caught stealing a four wheeler from a residence on the reservation.

10-31-07 One male subject was issued a summons for disturbing the peace by playing loud music from his vehicle.

IDENTITY THEFT

Identity theft can occur in a number of different ways. If you know what to look for and how it happens, you can self-detect identity theft before it happens, minimizing losses.

How identity thieves do it.

Identity theft can occur in a number of different ways. But if you know what to look for and how it happens, you can minimize your overall risk. Here are some common scenarios to watch out for.

Lost/stolen wallet or checkbook:

The most commonly reported source of information used to commit fraud is a lost or stolen wallet or checkbooks. These items usually contain a number of credit and debit cards, in addition to other personal documentation. Using these items, a thief can get enough information to obtain credit under the victim's name, or sell the information to an organized crime ring.

Dumpster diving:

Thieves rummage through trash cans for pieces of non-shredded personal information that they can use or sell.

Mail theft:

Crooks search mailboxes for pre-approved credit offers, bank statements, tax forms, or convenience checks. They also look for credit card payment envelopes that have been left for postal carrier pick up.

Inside sources:

Half of all identity fraud is committed by friends, family members, relatives, employees and live-in caregivers with access to privileged information. Info such as personnel records, payroll information, insurance files, account numbers, or sales records can be great help to any identity thief.



Imposters:

Many have fallen victim to identity theft by individuals who fraudulently posed as someone who had a legitimate or legal reason to access the victim's personal information.

Documents in the home:

Unfortunately, identity thieves can gain legitimate access into someone's home and personal information through household work, babysitting, healthcare, friends, or roommates.

Online data:

Although most identity thefts occur through traditional methods, such as the ones outlined above, risks still exist online. Be cautious when sending information electronically over the Web. Account information sent through e-mail, or online chat, can easily be intercepted by thieves.

If you think you're a victim of identity theft, it's important to act quickly to minimize your losses.

Call for free, confidential counseling---if you are a victim of identity theft call 1-866-ID-HOTLINE (1-866-434-6854). Trained counselors will walk you step-by-step through the process of getting your identity back.

Contact Credit Bureaus---immediately place a "fraud alert" on your credit reports with a toll free call to one of the three national credit bureaus:

Equifax: 1-800-525-6285 or www.equifax.com

Experian: 1-888-397-3742 or www.experian.com

TransUnion: 1-800-680-7289 or www.transunion.com

Fraud alerts can stop an identity thief from opening any more accounts in your name. They also ensure you will be contacted before any new account is opened or an existing account is changed.

Note that one call to any of the three credit bureaus will be enough to place your fraud alert---the company you call is required to contact the other two. Within twenty-four hours, all three of the bureaus will be on alert.

File a police report---your report should be filed with your local police or the police where the identity theft took place. Keep a copy of the report or the report number as proof of the crime. It can help you deal with creditors and file identity theft reports.

Contact creditors' fraud departments ---you should close any accounts that have been tampered with or opened without your permission. Call and speak with someone in the security or fraud department of each creditor and describe your identity theft problem. Follow up with a letter or affidavit---be sure to include copies (not originals) of supporting documents. It's important to notify credit card companies and banks in writing.

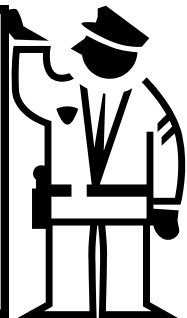
File a complaint with the Federal Trade Commission (FTC)

The FTC handles complaints from victims of identity theft, provides information to those victims, and refers complaints to major credit reporting and law enforcement agencies. The FTC can also refer your complaint to other government agencies and companies for further action, as well as investigate companies for violations of laws the agency enforces. To file a complaint, fill out the online complaint form found at the FTC Web site.

STAY SAFE AND HAVE A WONDERFUL THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY!



Congratulations to Chitimacha Police Reserve Officers
(Pictured L to R) Damien Hebert, Runar Tronstad, and Charles Guillory
on completing the Franklin/Berwick Police Departments 2007
Reserve Law Enforcement Training Academy.
Graduation ceremonies were held at the Berwick Fire Department on
November 13, 2007.



POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

Part-Time Cashier

REPORTS TO: Trading Post Manager

DESCRIPTION:

- Operates cash register.
- Performs daily clean-up around register area.
- Transfer ice daily.
- Bag groceries as needed.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- 18 Years of age.
- High school diploma or GED.
- Must be respectful to customers.
- Must be dependable and conscientious.
- Motivated and able to work independently.

PREFERENCE WILL BE GIVEN TO QUALIFIED NATIVE AMERICANS.

SUBJECT TO PRE-EMPLOYMENT AND RANDOM DRUG TESTING.

A BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION WILL BE REQUIRED.

To Apply: View our website at www.chitimacha.gov, or visit the Human Resources Department at 105 Houma Drive, Charenton, LA. Applications are accepted: Monday – Thursday 7:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. and Friday 7:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m.



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Sleeping Language Gets Help From Rosetta Stone

The Chitimacha Tribe on Louisiana's Coast Endured for Century After Century, Surviving War, Settlement, Assimilation. Now, its Language Also Lives On

ARLINGTON, Va. (August 22, 2007) — The Chitimacha Tribe on Louisiana's coast endured for century after century — surviving war, settlement and assimilation. Its language did not. The native tongue of the Chitimacha people disappeared, seemingly forever, when its last two fluent speakers died in 1934 and in 1940.

One generation, then another, grew up not knowing the words of their ancestors, the rich language of the bayous of the Mississippi Delta. But now, with a curious mix of historical, scholarly and technological effort, the language is being reborn. Rosetta Stone Inc., a global language-learning software company, has agreed to subsidize software development in the tribal tongue as part of its Endangered Language Program.

“We want to bring the language back to the point where we can use it conversationally when we gather as a tribe,” says Kimberly S. Walden, M.Ed., cultural director of the 1,000-member tribe. “Language is really the heart of who you are. It’s not just about learning the words, it’s about learning your past. It’s that connection.”

Rosetta Stone Inc. is helping the tribe translate and record its award-winning software program into Sitimaxa, the language of the Chitimacha. When it’s finished, the tribe will own the software and use it to assist ongoing educational programs for children and adults.



Wax Cylinders

This unusual journey to awaken a sleeping language began with the help of history. In 1986, tribal leaders at the small reservation in Charenton, La. received a delivery from the Library of Congress, and discovered recordings of their language — sounds no one had heard in decades; a cultural treasure buried in archives for half a lifetime.

Twenty-two wax cylinders made by a Dictaphone recording machine provided 200 hours of Sitimaxa captured in the 1930s by an outsider — the esteemed linguist Morris Swadesh. With partial funding from the American Philosophical Society, Swadesh conducted extensive field research on Native American languages. He had recorded the Chitimacha's last two Sitimaxa speakers — already aging and alone in the tribe in their fluency. Swadesh and his wife, also a linguist, made field notes that the tribe has since recovered.

“The recordings were very hard to understand, especially if you'd never heard the language spoken before,” Walden says. “You have to realize that, as long as I was growing up, all we had [of Sitimaxa] was a few words on a museum brochure that no one could pronounce.”

Stumbling Upon A Scholar

Faced with a daunting puzzle, and having more pressing community needs, the tribe made little progress for a decade.

Things began to change when the Chitimacha transformed their bingo hall into a casino in 1992 and began to use part of the revenue to finance a cultural department. They finally had the internal employees to tackle the Sitimaxa challenge. But they needed help. Tribal employees began asking archeological contractors in Louisiana if they knew anyone who was familiar with the Chitimacha's language — a long-shot request that, improbably, paid off.

They found Dr. Julian Granberry, a linguist and anthropologist living in Florida with academic credentials and experience with Native American languages. Most incredible of all, they discovered that he'd worked with Swadesh as a high school sophomore and had taught himself to speak Sitimaxa, using research materials.



Granberry, now 80, had been studying their native language for decades. “When Dr. Granberry spoke Sitimaxa to a group of Chitimacha elders assembled at a meeting, some of the elders began to cry,” says Walden. “Words started coming back. They remembered.”

He and some members of the tribe threw themselves into the project. Dictionaries were created, classes formed, primers and recordings were shared. Instruction now starts at six weeks after birth at Yaamahana, the Chitimacha Child Development Center, and continues through eighth grade at the Chitimacha Tribal School. Adults who live on or near the reservation have access to night sessions.

Rachel Vilcan was one of the first students in the adult class. Now she’s an aide in the K-8 Sitimaxa program. “The language sounds natural; it sounds like it fits me, like it fits the area,” Vilcan says. “It was scary, at first, to be learning it as an adult, but the desire was stronger. It’s our identity.”

High-Tech Solutions From Rosetta Stone

The missing piece in the Chitimacha’s language revival has been conversational fluency. The Rosetta Stone Endangered Language Program hopes to help with a solution. The program offers clients, such as the Alaskan Iñupiat, the chance to preserve their language through the cutting-edge Rosetta Stone® software. But, this year, the company also began to offer a subsidized development program for tribes and other groups with a need, but limited ability, to finance language projects.

“Our hope is that Sitimaxa Rosetta Stone software will be a tool that will make a difference in the vitality of the language of the Chitimacha tribe,” says Marion Bittinger, manager, Rosetta Stone Endangered Language Program. “We look forward to working with the tribe to help realize their vision for a living and growing language.”

The software program will be translated into Sitimaxa, paired with audio recorded in the studio, and combined with Rosetta Stone elegant photography and some customized Chitimacha images.



Ilse Ackerman, editor-in-chief at Rosetta Stone, says the ease of access will enhance language learning for the tribe. “It’s wonderful to think about the multiplier effect,” she says. “If you only have exposure to a few speakers, you are limited — but the software can change that, giving you access to the language around the clock and at long distances.” The tribe has members as far away as Guam, Germany and Alaska who will be able to learn Chitimacha using CDs or online software when the project finishes.

“I think the chances are very great that they will succeed,” Granberry says. “There has been, for the last decade, a strong interest on the part of a large number of the tribal members. When the Rosetta Stone program works, which it will, this will be the first Native American language revived from zero.”

About Rosetta Stone Inc.

Rosetta Stone Inc. is a leading provider of language-learning software. Acclaimed for the speed, power and effectiveness of its Dynamic Immersion™ method, Rosetta Stone is a revolutionary language-learning software program. While teaching 30 languages to millions of people in more than 150 countries throughout the world, Rosetta Stone software is the key to Language Learning Success™. *Inc. Magazine* has named Rosetta Stone Inc. one of the 500 fastest-growing companies in the United States, and for the fourth consecutive year Deloitte has named the company one of the fastest-growing technology companies in Virginia. Rosetta Stone was founded in 1992 on two core beliefs: that the natural way people learn languages as children remains the most successful method for learning new languages; and that interactive CD-ROM and online technology can recreate the immersion method powerfully for learners of any age. The company is based in Arlington, Va. For more information, visit www.RosettaStone.com.

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September 25, 2007

Chief Lonnie Martin and the Tribal Council
Re: Lay Advocates for Tribal Court

Dear Chief Martin and Members of the Tribal Council:

In recent discussions with the Tribal Council concerning Tribal Court I suggested that a way to improve the court system is to utilize lay advocates in civil and criminal cases. As part of the increased use of lay advocates in tribal court I am willing to undertake the training of lay advocates in court procedure. I suggest that the next newsletter contain a request that any tribal member interested in serving as a lay advocate please contact me at tribal courts. Further, since many tribal members are employed by the Tribe, I am willing to give a presentation at the next employee meeting setting out what is required of a lay advocate and how to participate in the program. The tribal code provides for "lay counselors" to be admitted to practice before the Court "upon written application and approval by the Chief Judge." The requirements for a lay counselor are that they:

- (1) Must be at least twenty-one (21) years of age;
- (2) Must be of high moral character and integrity;
- (3) Must have a knowledge of Chitimacha Tribal Code and Federal Indian law;
- (4) must be a high school graduate or equivalent; and
- (5) must not have been convicted of a felony in any jurisdiction.

The Tribal Council may want to consider the assessment of a small fee for the payment of a lay advocate who participates in a case.

**CURRENT COURT
STATISTICS:**

**SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER:
(Combined)**

CASES: (44)

22 Civil Actions (12 Garnishments/7 CV Complaints/1 Pet. For Exparte Orders/1 Complaint for Foreclosure by Executory Process/1 Pet. To Make Judgment Executory)

15 Domestic (12 Petition for Disbursement of Funds/1 Petition for Change in Custody/2 Petition for Divorce)

0 Criminal
6 Traffic
1 Juvenile

MORTGAGES AND LIENS: (9)
(8 Assignment/Liens/ 1 Form UCC-1)

**MISCELLANEOUS DOCUMENTS:
(04)**
(1 Bulk Commercial Service and Access Agreement/1 Certificate of Substantial Completion/1 Planning Assistance to States (PAS) Agreement/1 Acknowledgment of Paternity)

**TOTAL ACTIONS PROCESSED IN
SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER, 2007
(57)**

**CASES PENDING AS OF
NOVEMBER 1, 2007**

TRIBAL COURT: (41)

20 CIVIL
12 DOMESTIC
02 CRIMINAL
06 TRAFFIC
01 JUVENILE

COURT SESSIONS:

TRIBAL COURT: SEPTEMBER

The first regular session was conducted on **September 11, 2007**, at which time **16** matters were scheduled to be heard. Three (3) matters were continue and reset for later dates.

(04) DOMESTIC
(02) TRAFFIC
(02) CIVIL
(03) JUVENILE
(00) PROBATE
(05) CRIMINAL

A second regular session was conducted on **September 25, 2007**, at which time **20** matters were scheduled to be heard. Four matters were reset for later dates and six (6) matters were dismissed.

(05) DOMESTIC
(01) TRAFFIC
(04) CIVIL
(00) JUVENILE
(00) PROBATE
(10) CRIMINAL

TRIBAL COURT: OCTOBER

The first regular session scheduled for **October 9, 2007** was rescheduled for **October 23, 2007**.

Two (2) jury trials were scheduled for the week of **October 22, 2007**. One jury trial was reset as a status conference and the other jury trial was dismissed due to settlement.

A regular session was conducted on **October 23, 2007**, at which time **6** matters were scheduled to be heard. One (1) matter was dismissed and one (1) matter was continued.

(01) DOMESTIC
(03) CIVIL
(02) JUVENILE
(00) PROBATE
(00) CRIMINAL
(00) TRAFFIC

Regular sessions scheduled for the month of November will be on **Tuesday, November 6, 2007**, and **Tuesday, November 20, 2007**, with open sessions beginning at **10:00 a.m.**

Anyone interested in becoming lay advocates to represent individuals in various court related matters, please contact Carrie D. Saucier, Clerk of Court, to receive information.

As always, if you would like any further information regarding the Tribal Courts, please feel free to contact the Court at **(337) 923-7806**; or come by anytime. We are located at 343 Navarro St., Chitimacha Reservation; and our regular office hours are 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. - Monday through Thursday, and 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on Friday.

Employees of the Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana Among Those Honored at Local Masonic Awards Night

On November 6, 2007, the Franklin Masonic Lodge No. 57, held its Annual Awards Night. Several Chitimacha employees received awards honoring them for their service and dedication throughout the year. Among those honored were, **Blaise Smith** (Sgt., Tribal Police) for Police Officer of the Year, **Kenneth Perry** (Sgt., Fire Protection) for Firefighter of the Year, and **Denise Hodge** (Librarian, CTS) for Educator of the Year. A sincere Congratulations goes out to all three honorees for a job well done and well deserved!

Congratulations, also goes out to the Mason of the Year award winner, **Mr. Hardie Kent**. Keep up the Good Work!

A Special Thank You to Don Aymond, who was also the “MC of Ceremonies” that evening, along with Mr. John Belanger, for submitting pictures to the newsletter.



Blaise Smith, Police Officer of the Year along with his grandson.



Kenneth Perry, Firefighter of the Year along with family and co-worker, Earl Tyler.



Denise Hodge, Educator of the Year along with family.



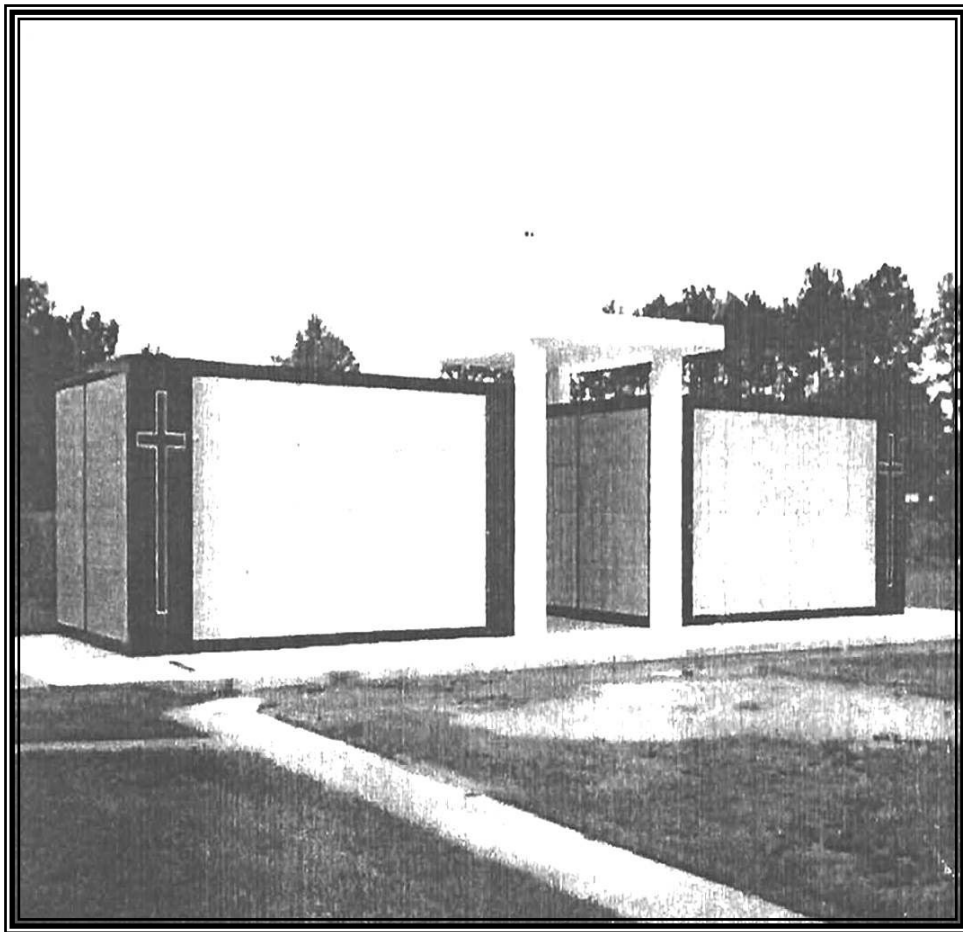
Hardie Kent, Mason of the Year along with Don Aymond.

Public Works Department:

From: Tony Darden, Public Works Director

Mausoleum:

Architectural Concrete Products of Gretna has been awarded the contract to construct the new mausoleum. Some of the equipment is being moved on the property as we speak. This mausoleum will have 96 single crypts and should be completed within a few months, if weather is permitting. This mausoleum will be built adjacent to our existing one. We will update you to the progress as it is being constructed. Below is a picture of what the new mausoleum will look like.



Sewer System:

We are asking the residents to help us out by not flushing any of the following items into the system such as, Q-tips, sanitary items, and etc. These items can cause major problems to the sewer pumps.

Waste Oil:

Please remember that the Maintenance Department is still accepting waste oil. If you have any you would like to dispose of, you may bring it to the shop. This service is only available between the hours of 7:30 A.M. thru 5:00 P.M., Monday - Thursday and 7:30 A.M. thru 11:30 A.M. on Friday's. **Please check with one of the Maintenance workers prior to any disposal.**

Dumpsters:

The dumpsters that are located at all tribal buildings and the Trading Post are for the use of tribal facilities. Private household garbage should be disposed of at Waste Management facilities in Franklin, located on Northwest Boulevard.

Tribal Property:

Please be advised that you ***MUST*** make arrangements on Friday if you are planning to use the tribal tractor on weekends. In order to use the tractor you must sign the checkout form before taking the old John Deere tractor/trailer. If you fail to come by and sign the form then no **equipment will be loaned out on Saturday or Sunday's.** All Public Works employees are instructed that no equipment is to be loaned out unless the tribal member has signed the necessary form.

Get well wishes:

We here at the Public Works Department would like to wish Ms. Juanita Dugas a speedy recovery. Ms. Juanita is one of our custodians. We miss you and get well soon.

Until next time, the Public Works employees wish everyone a Safe and Happy Thanksgiving.

CHITIMACHA TRIBAL SCHOOL

Eagle Pride...Eagle Spirit!



CTS NEWS

BUSY, BUSY at CTS!

A new focus on character education and being safe and drug free lessons takes place every Tuesday in our Physical Education classes at CTS. Students must complete forty hours of character education/safe and drug free lessons each school year. For CTS students', their first lesson was to create soaring pillars of the six characters of positive attitudes which are displayed in the school gym. Each grade level, kindergarten through eighth grade worked hard to make sure their pillar was perfect. From this point forward students will participate in a lesson which focuses on good character and being safe and drug free every Tuesday. Every month is represented with a different character that is woven into a creative lesson in which students may gain an unlimited amount of knowledge. Taking part in this newly created curriculum are our first graders, but that's not all these students have been introduced to...

Ms. Phyllis's first graders are reading their second reading book with three more books to go. Each week these students are reading, writing, and spelling more and more words. She is very proud of them. Also in Ms. Phyllis's class children know that a sentence tells a complete thought, begins with a capital letter, and ends with a period, exclamation mark, or a question mark. Furthermore first graders are learning patterning; sorting; reading and writing numbers, numerals, and number words; creating and reading bar graphs; comparing lengths; drawing straight, wiggly, and jagged paths; and practicing other math skills. They are doing great! Keeping with our focus of Native American culture first grade students know how their school started and changed through the years. They know how to read simple maps using the map keys and the four cardinal directions.

Also, these students know a lot about communities. Khloe Walden was our first grade Star of the Week. Congratulations, Khloe!

What a FUN time of the school year, especially at the Chitimacha Tribal School. Sixth, seventh, and eighth grade students celebrated Native American Day which was on September 28th with a walking field trip to the Chitimacha Museum. Even though students have visited the museum many times before they were surprised to find out more about their heritage. Students enjoyed a presentation by Ms. Chelsea along with a scavenger hunt. One of the questions on the hunt required students to count how many beautiful baskets are housed in the museum. Many did get the correct answer which is 52!



7th Graders looking for INFORMATION!

Also on September 28th more celebration took place as the eighth grade class received their spirit rings. These students were overcome with pride and excitement as they slipped on one of their many milestones. Congratulation goes out to the eighth graders at CTS...we know that this is only the beginning of your dreams that are coming true!



2007-2008 8th Graders
(from left to right) Adam Chiasson, Karli Mensmen, Taylor Darden,
Sherry Higgins, and Nick Boudreaux

Moving on to the second grade class, they have been so busy this month. They have been working on reaching their AR goals and have just started reading for the Pizza Hut Book-It Program. They have to read twelve books a month to receive their award. In AR they have all received necklaces and are working on getting charms for their necklaces. Whenever they have free time they are busy reading. Keep up the good work second graders! Our reading theme is Helping Hands. In this unit, we see how people work together to accomplish their goals. They learn that teamwork is not only helpful but can also be fun. In social studies they are learning about work in the community. They will discuss income as it relates to spending and saving. They will differentiate between goods and services and will follow the process of taking a product from farm to factory to consumer. In second grade our "Star Student" was Conner Anderson. Congratulations Conner!

Ms. Beth's third grade class has been really busy so far this year. In Science class, they learned about animal habitats and created habitat dioramas on the animal of their choice. Students had to do some research to find information about how and where their animal lives. They presented their report, along with their dioramas to their classmates and the second grade. Students were very creative and did an excellent job with this assignment. Recently, the students learned about how animals have to compete for water, food, and space. They enjoyed playing musical chairs to demonstrate how birds compete for space in a nest. Students really had lots of fun in that activity! Finally we would like to announce our first 3rd grade star student for the 2007-2008 school year...the third grade Star of the Week was Toni Vilcan. Congratulations Toni!

One grade up in fourth grade, students at CTS are showing off their scientific skills! They learned about ecosystems and how habitats can be affected by humans or the environment. To explore this skill, the fourth graders had to conduct a science experiment to test the effects of salt water in a plant's habitat. The fourth graders put radish seeds in three separate cups and each cup is watered daily with either tap water, salty water, or very salty water. The fourth graders were very eager to observe the results and they check the cups every day to take note of any changes! Great job fourth grade scientists!

Plenty of activities have taken place in this eventful month of October for our youngsters and their families.

First, many students were honored on October 19th, for our first academic pep-rally. Thirty-one students earned principals list and honor roll while the majority of the student body received a "Good Conduct" award for maintaining an "A" average in conduct for the 1st 9 week grading period. A HUGE "Thumbs Up" to all our students for doing their very best and for trudging forward full speed toward the 2nd 9 weeks.

Second, our 5th graders graduated from the young D.A.R.E. academic schooling. These students participated in many lessons that educated them on various aspects of drug and alcohol abuse. Students learned valuable lessons that will allow them to make better choices when faced with tough challenges.

Third, the entire staff and student body participated in a number of activities which supported "Red Ribbon" week in St. Mary Parish. On Thursday, October 25, 2007, CTS held their annual "Red Ribbon" Parade. The Tribal Police and Fire Department also took part in this very special event. Captured below and at the top of the next page are a few snapshots of the students and staff proudly marching for the fight against drugs.





Fourth, students, staff, family, and friends came out to celebrate the Halloween season at the CTS Halloween carnival. Fun included a costume contest, pumpkin decorating, football toss, cake wake, fortune telling, bean bag toss, ping pong toss, duck pond, and hay rides! The event was a huge success thanks to the hard work by all the staff at CTS, the families, and friends of the community, thank you to all! A special thanks goes out to our chairperson, Mrs. Keeri Payton! Without the dedication of teachers like Mrs. Payton CTS wouldn't shine so brightly!

Fifth and finally our Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grade students went on an exciting field trip to the "Pumpkin Patch" in Lafayette sponsored by the Convent Methodist Church. Students enjoyed a short film on pumpkins which highlighted the food dishes they help create, sang songs, danced, listen to a unique storytelling, and saw small farm animals. Students also traveled through a maze while viewing the pumpkin patch and enjoyed a nice treat. This field trip was both entertaining and educational which the students enjoyed immensely! As you can tell CTS is on a "Pumpkin" roll and it looks like November will be just as BUSY!



CTS Group dancing the "Chicken Dance"

WOW!

An exceptional congratulation goes out to Ms. Denise Hodge who was recognized by the Franklin Masonic Lodge No. 57 for "Outstanding Educator." We here at CTS are so very proud that many of our staff are recognized for their unique abilities like Ms. Denise who is so deserving of this award. Ms. Denise was presented her award November 6, 2007 at the Lodge located on Main Street in Franklin, Louisiana. The Franklin Masonic Lodge No. 57 is one of the oldest in Louisiana which was founded in 1848.



**WAY TO GO
MS. DENISE!**



(Top Photo) Ms. Denise accepting her award for Educator of the Year.

(Top Right) Ms. Denise with Don Aymond, Mason and "MC" of the awards ceremony.



(Bottom Middle L to R) Blaise Smith (Police Officer of the Year), Mrs. Marylynn Butaud (Community Service Award) Ms. Denise, and Kenneth Perry (Firefighter of the Year).

And it keeps getting better and better at CTS...Mrs. Tori Louviere was nominated "Employee of the Year" to represent the school by the Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana. This honor is given to employees of each department of the tribe by their supervisor in which superior work habits are displayed.

HATS OFF TO MRS. TORI!

PRINCIPAL'S NOTE

CTS has been very productive during the month of October as you can see from Ms. Molly's report for CTS school news. I would like to thank everyone who was in charge of events and activities during the month of October. Teamwork has been evident for the different events and activities that have occurred. It is definitely not a one person team. Much of the students' successes come from parental support and encouragement. We thank and appreciate the parents of CTS. I am most proud of the students' progression within the first three months of school! Congrats to all the students on your hard work and achievements.

Cross Country: The team worked hard all year and their efforts showed in their performance. We want to take a minute to congratulate them on the many hot evening, mosquito infested workouts. It showed great character for those who finished the season. We will celebrate with a night out at the movies and pizza for those that endured to the end.

Flag Football: Games went smoothly with only one rainout. Football is one of those sports that no one wants to see end. Our coaches did an excellent job in teaching our kids the fundamentals of the game. Our Jr. High team, coached by Steve Cole, made their first road trip to Highland Baptist in New Iberia. Although this was a little different from the norm, it was a great change of pace to travel and play at another field.

Volleyball: Our Jr. High girls' volleyball team improved with each game they played. Under the supervision of Amy Sandusky, they competed against Glencoe Charter School, Highland Baptist, and St. Joseph's. The gym was held open each night after the games to allow adults time to play.

Basketball: Registration will be held soon with practices beginning in December. Games will be played in January at the Chitimacha Tribal School's gym. Our plans are to register in the following age groups: 5-6 boys and girls, 7-8 boys, 7-8 girls, 4th-6th grade girls, 4th-6th grade boys, and Jr. High girls.

Be sure to glance at the marquis for the latest information in Recreation.

(Top Left)
Photo
of the Jr.
High Girls'
Volleyball
team.



The remaining
photos are
snapshots of
the different
age groups of
Flag Football
teams.



Health Department News

Wishing you Good Health!

By Madeline Phelps



Help us keep up-to-date records, please inform Brittany of any changes in insurance, address, or telephone number. Call Brittany @ 923-9955, press # 1.

Dental Clinic: Since the Dental Clinic is only open one day per week it is extremely important to notify Brittany if you are unable to keep an appointment. If we are notified in advance we are able to schedule another patient.

Weekly Screening: Every Wednesday morning the Community Health Nurse (CHN) and Community Health Representatives (CHR's) hold a clinic @ Rivercane starting @ 7:30a.m. Stop by to have your blood pressure/blood sugar taken!

Diabetes Support: Our dietician Judith Dupuis provides education during our Diabetes Prevention Activities. A Diabetes Breakfast Activity is held the **first Wednesday of every month** at Rivercane @ 7:30 am prepared by the CHN, Dietician, & CHR's. We welcome Tribal Members and spouses! Reminder diabetics: Don't forget to schedule your yearly consultation with Judith. Contact Judith Dupuis @ 923-9955, ext. 3011 for scheduling or more information.

Pharmacy: *Whenever possible please call in prescription "refill" requests on Tuesday, Wednesday or Friday (if you plan to pick up your medications the same day that you call in),* Christie as our lead pharmacist is available more hours to assist you with new prescriptions/refill needs. Since Ryan & Ms. Savitra are here for a few short hours, "new" prescriptions are filled first & if there is time left they attempt to fill some refills. Please call for refills 3-5 days in advance.

Contract Health Service - services obtained off-site. Referral required for off-site services. A "purchase order" form must be obtained from the Health Department (I.H.S./CHS) office for each & every visit to a healthcare provider prior to visit. Individuals with private insurance or Medicare must obtain purchase order if you are requesting that I.H.S./CHS pay the balance. Emergency Services: you have seventy-two (72) hours to notify the health department in the case of emergency visit. Report to Millie @ 337-923-9955, Ext. 3004.

"Alternate Resource" : health care resources other than those of the Indian Health Service. Example: Medicare, Medicaid, or Private Insurance.

Should a client meet the eligibility guidelines to qualify for an alternate resource, clients will be required to apply for that resource if available and accessible.

Contact Ann Olds (Medicaid Enrollment Representative): 337-923-9955, Ext. 3002 for more information. Ann is available to assist you in completion of the Medicaid application process.

- Once Medicaid is approved, the Medicaid office will re-certify your case periodically.
- It is client responsibility to respond to requests made by the Medicaid Office.

Report/provide the following to Ann:

- Report any changes in Medicaid status to Ann.
- Bring documentation of denial or changes in Medicaid status.

News from Yaamahana

by

Kathleen Flanagan

At 6:00 PM, on Tuesday, November 27, 2007, Yaamahana will host a Parent Night at the Recreation Department. Claudia S. Abell, GSW, will present a class titled, "Happy Kids, Happy Parents!" Babysitting will be provided at Yaamahana.

We still have a few car seats remaining from the Injury Prevention Grant. The car seats are available when you sign up for a training session on how to properly install a car seat. We have three Child Passenger Safety Technicians who can provide trainings. If you are interested in making an appointment with one of the technicians, please contact me at 923-0100.

Yaamahana provides developmental screenings to Tribal children between the ages of 6 weeks and 5-years-old who are not attending our child care center. If you are interested in having your child screened, please contact Francine Bonin at 923-0100.

Just a Note: Copies of seat installation instructions are available at Yaamahana.

Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana

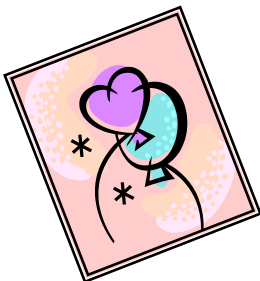
July - October 2007 Employee of the Year Nominees



Patricia Martin, Nominee– Most Gold Star Recipient;
Anthony “Tony” Darden, Public Works Director
Public Works Department Custodian



Heather Shuff, Nominee;
Mackolyne “Mack” Petry, Investigator
Chitimacha Gaming Commission
Investigation Administrative Assistant



Gail Thibodeaux, Nominee;
Kathleen Flanagan, Director
Child Care Development Center/Yaamahana
Assistant Child Care Provider



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Chitimacha Outreach Presents a Thanksgiving Revival!

Monday, November 19th through Friday, November 23rd.

7:00 P.M.

*Chitimacha Outreach and Fellowship,
corner of Chitimacha Trail and MLK, Charenton La.*

Brother Bill Easter, Evangelist

Thanksgiving is a vital key to releasing God's Supernatural Power in our lives! Give thanks always for all things unto God, the Father in the Name of Our Lord Jesus Christ. (Ephesians 5:20)

*In everything give thanks, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus, concerning you.
(Thessalonians 5:18)*

Enter into His gates with Thanksgiving and into His courts with Praise! Be thankful to Him and Bless His name. (Psalm 100:4)

Lord, may your goodness be a light that precedes the darkness during this season of gratitude and praise.

In Jesus' Name.

Amen.

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